

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 1904.

PRICE 10c. (In St. Louis, One Cent.  
Outside St. Louis, Two Cents.  
On Trains, Three Cents.)SICKNESS CAUSES  
HIM TO END LIFE.Captain Walter Allen Had Grown  
Tired of Pain and  
Suffering.

## BULLET THROUGH HIS HEART.

Brother of "Private" John Allen  
Meets Tragic Death in Jeffer-  
son Guard Dormitory at  
World's Fair.

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CAPT. ALLEN'S LAST MESSAGE.  
"May 10, 1904.—Dear Prickett:  
Please telephone my brother, J. H.  
Allen, and let him notify my fam-  
ily. His office number is Bell, Main  
257M, care of Allen-West Commis-  
sion Company. His residence num-  
ber is Kinloch, Delmar 1590.  
"I have simply suffered until I  
can bear it no longer. I trust any-  
thing you and my friends can do  
for my wife and children will not  
be overlooked. Leaving them un-  
provided for is my great grief and  
sorrow, but I have lost all hope of  
ever getting well. My body will be  
found in our dormitory, room No.  
11. (Signed) WALTER ALLEN."  
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Distracted by unendurable pain and suf-  
fering for which he saw no surcease in  
prospect, Captain Walter Allen, custodian  
of the Administration group of buildings  
at the World's Fair, yesterday afternoon  
put an end to his suffering by firing a  
bullet through his heart. The deed was  
committed in a room of the dormitory  
building, just west, across the campus  
from the Jefferson Guard's barracks.

There was no one near by in the build-  
ing at the time to hear the report of the  
shot that ended his life, but he had left  
warning of his contemplated act with  
friends from whom he had parted but a  
few minutes before and his body was dis-  
covered while still warm by his associates  
among the officers of the Guards. The act  
was committed about a quarter after 3  
o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The suicide was perhaps the most tragic  
occurrence that has happened at the  
World's Fair grounds, and caused the  
deepest sorrow among those who knew  
and loved the man.

BROTHER OF "PRIVATE" ALLEN.  
For the last two years Captain Allen,  
who is a brother of "Private" John Allen,  
a former member of Congress from Mis-  
sissippi and now a member of the Na-  
tional Commission of the World's Fair,  
and also of J. H. Allen of Lindbergh  
boulevard, this city, had been a sufferer from  
rheumatism.

The letter written by Captain Allen and  
sent by messenger to his intimate friend,  
Edward L. Prickett, Secretary of the Pol-  
ice Committee of the World's Fair, is ex-  
planatory of the reasons for his act.

On a margin of the letter, which was  
written with indelible pencil, were the  
numbers "25," showing the hour at  
which it was written.

The note which bore the message of his  
death was written in the dormitory office  
at the Jefferson Guard's headquarters,  
while Mr. Prickett was sitting at his desk,  
not two feet distant from Captain Allen.

The latter had been in the office, laugh-  
ing and chatting with Mr. Prickett, Cap-  
tain Conrad, Adjutant of the Guard, and  
several other officers between 1 and 2  
o'clock. He seemed to be in good spirits  
and not to be suffering any more than  
usual. Just before departing, he ap-  
proached Mr. Prickett's desk in the office,  
and, sitting at a table, said to him:

"Prickett, lend me your pencil and a  
sheet of paper. I want to write a note."  
Mr. Prickett, without glancing up from  
a letter he was writing, tossed his pencil  
and a sheet of paper onto the table, at  
which his friend was sitting.

Captain Allen and Roy Andree walked  
across the campus to the dormitory  
building, where they ascended to the  
room. Here he handed the sealed letter  
to the boy with instructions to hurry with  
it to Mr. Prickett. This was the last seen  
of him alive.

Captain Conrad's pass key admitted them  
to the room. Entering the room, the pros-  
trate form of Captain Allen on the bed,  
his coat and vest off, a gaping hole in his  
side, just above the heart, and a revolver  
lying on the bed beside him.

DEATH WAS PAINLESS.  
He was dead, his death being evidently  
painless, as his features were composed.  
But one shot had been fired from the  
weapon and death was undoubtedly in-  
stantaneous.

The body was undisturbed by the of-  
ficers, who instantly notified the City  
Coroner's office at Clayton. Mr. Prickett  
notified J. H. Allen, Captain Allen's  
brother.

Captain Allen was about 50 years of  
age at the time of his death, and leaves  
a wife and two children—a boy and a girl.  
He was born in Tupelo, Miss. He attend-  
ed West Point, but did not graduate, leav-  
ing the institution in his junior year.

When the Spanish-American War was  
declared he volunteered and served  
through the Cuban campaigns, being must-  
ered out at Jefferson Barracks in 1902. It  
was during his army service that he con-  
tracted the severe rheumatism that tor-  
tured him continually and finally goaded  
him to take his life.

After quitting West Point he went to  
New Orleans, where he engaged in the  
cotton business with his brother, J. H.  
Allen. Later he was appointed manager  
of the United States Mint at Denver,  
Colo., during President Cleveland's last  
administration. When President McKin-  
ley was elected he resigned the office.

APPOINTED CUSTODIAN.  
After being mustered out of the army  
at Jefferson Barracks, where he was  
Quartermaster, he was appointed Custod-  
ian of the Administration buildings un-  
der the commandant of the Jefferson  
Guards, and assumed the duties of that  
position in November, 1902.

He was a man of genial and likable  
qualities, and was especially popular  
among the officers of the Jefferson  
Guards. Although he gave no indication  
yesterday afternoon of his intention to  
take his life, his friends noted that the  
last few days he seemed to be slightly  
mentally unbalanced, and they believe  
that this fact, coupled with the pain he  
suffered, led him to kill himself.

The coroner's jury last midnight re-  
turned a verdict of suicide.

LINEMAN STRANDED  
IN MIDSTREAM.Albert Urmor, Deserted by House-  
boatman, Spends Sixteen  
Hours Without Food.

## RESCUED BY A FISHERMAN.

Towed to the Venice Shore, He  
Walks to East St. Louis,  
Where Distracted Wife  
Greets Him.

Albert Urmor, an employee of the Bell  
Telephone Company in East St. Louis,  
was stranded on a small, deserted house-  
boat in the Mississippi River at Venice  
from 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon  
until 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when  
he was finally rescued by a fisherman,  
having been sixteen hours without food.  
Urmor was sent out by the company to  
trace broken wires through the sub-  
merged district. He employed a boatman  
to take him from pole to pole during  
the afternoon, and then when about a  
mile from shore the boatman demanded  
his pay.

Urmor asked how much it was and the  
boatman said a dollar. Urmor offered him  
the money and demanded a receipt, in ink  
or indelible pencil. Neither of these was  
at hand, however. Then Urmor spied a  
broken wire hanging from a pole near a  
houseboat. He suggested that the boat-  
man row him to that and perhaps they  
could get the pencil at the same time.  
Urmor got out of the boat and ascended  
the pole.

He had nearly reached the top of the pole  
when he saw the boatman pulling away  
with his dollar. "Come back, come back,"  
the lineman cried, thinking the boatman was  
pulling a joke on him.

"Not on your steam yacht," the boat-  
man yelled. "Me for Venice; you're up  
the pole!"

STARTLES FISHERMAN.  
Then the real situation dawned upon  
the lineman. Rapidly he descended to the  
houseboat.

There was no one aboard to welcome  
him, and he spent the remainder of the  
afternoon hailing the shore. No one no-  
ticed him. The rain was coming down  
ever and anon in torrents, and the line-  
man sought shelter in the houseboat and  
waited through the long watches of the  
night, wondering whether he would be in  
St. Genevieve in the morning or on the  
River Site.

About 6 o'clock Urmor saw a fisherman  
setting his trot lines.  
"Boat ahoy!" he cried, at the top of  
his lungs.

His voice broke the stillness and startled  
the fisherman.  
"What the deuce are you doing out  
there with your telephone?" came back  
across the angry water.

"I have had enough nonsense," said  
Urmor. "Take me ashore and I will give  
you a dollar."  
"I am your man," said the fisherman.  
Urmor was landed on the shores of  
Venice.

"I don't want money," said the fisher-  
man. "I thought you was foolish."  
An hour and a half later Urmor walked  
into his East St. Louis home, to relieve  
his distracted wife, who had been up all  
night awaiting his return.

LEADING TOPICS  
—IN—  
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSED—ST. LOUIS: JULY  
WHEAT 84c ASKED; JULY CORN 47c  
60c ASKED.  
CHICAGO—JULY WHEAT 84c; JULY  
CORN 48c ASKED.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
For St. Louis and Vicinity—Fair;  
moderate temperature; variable  
winds.  
For Missouri—Fair; warmer in east;  
showers in west Wednesday. Show-  
ers and cooler Thursday.  
For Illinois—Fair and warmer  
Wednesday. Showers Thursday.  
For East Texas—Fair Wednesday.  
Increasing cloudiness Thursday.

PART I.  
1. Report of Another Great Battle.  
Taft Is Victim of "Society Liver."  
2. Daring Frontal Attack Ended Long  
Maneuvering.

3. Lowden's Chances Appear Brighter.  
Indiana Fight Growing Bitter.  
4. Conditions Favorable to Crops.  
Religious News and Announcements.

5. Real Estate News and Transfers.  
Found Woman's Picture in Husband's  
Coat.  
6. Editorial.  
Society News.

7. Wanted to Be Reported Missing.  
8. Happenings in Nearby Cities.  
Police Affairs Are Investigated.  
River News.

9. Boston Refuses to Entertain Filipinos.  
Absent Treatment for Bad Husbands.  
10. The Republic's Daily Racing Form  
Charts.  
Race Results and Entries.

11. Baseball Scores and Averages.  
12. Colony Scheme Outcome of Fair.  
St. Louis Graduate Gets Indiana Place.  
Shot With Both Barrels.  
Levee Roustabout Saves Druggist.

PART II.  
1. World's Fair News.  
2. Financial News.  
Summary of St. Louis Markets.

14. Republic "Want" Ads.  
Birth, Marriage and Death Records.  
New Corporations.  
15. Republic "Want" Ads.  
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17. Scores Tendency Toward Mysticism.  
St. Louis Cotton Market.

18. Illinois Central Man to Build Panama  
Canal.  
May Tear Down the Fence.  
Weather Bulletin.  
Fatal Ending of Quarrel.

## RUSSIANS LOSE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS BY EVACUATING NIUCHWANG.



BARRACKS AND POST HEADQUARTERS BUILT BY THE CZAR'S MEN AT NIUCHWANG.  
Since the Russian occupation of the town last fall, extensive barracks have been erected and every proper ration made, apparently, to establish a permanent military post. The aban-  
donment of the position means probably the permanent loss of these improvements, as well as an important strategic position.

"SOUTH HAS THREE MEN  
OF PRESIDENTIAL STATURE."  
—CONGRESSMAN HITCHCOCK.

Prominent Nebraska Editor and Politician Regards Cockrell, Bai-  
ley and John Sharp Williams as Possibilities—Believes That  
Parker Is Now the Strongest Candidate in the Field for the  
Nomination.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.  
Omaha, Neb., May 10.—Congressman  
Gilbert H. Hitchcock of the Second Ne-  
braska District, proprietor and publisher  
of the Omaha World-Herald, which has  
always been regarded as a Bryan organ,  
said today in an interview that in his  
opinion Judge Parker was the strongest  
candidate in the field for the Democratic  
nomination.  
"Judge Parker may not be nominated,  
but he certainly is very much in the lead  
of Hearst or any other man now," said  
Mr. Hitchcock.  
"A possibility as the result of a pro-  
tracted struggle in the convention," con-  
tinued Mr. Hitchcock, "is the nomination  
of a Southern man. The South has three  
men of presidential stature—Cockrell of  
Missouri, Bailey of Texas and John Sharp  
Williams of Mississippi. It is only a  
question of time when a Democratic Na-  
tional Convention will remove the ban  
from the South and nominate one of her  
great men for President. Such a step  
may not be made now, but it is a possi-  
bility."

HALF-RATE ADMISSION TICKETS  
FOR WORLD'S FAIR STOCKHOLDERS

The Board of Directors of the Exposition yesterday unani-  
mously adopted a resolution providing for the issuance of a  
special stockholder's photographic ticket, which will be sold to stock-  
holders only at \$12.50 and be good for fifty admissions. These tick-  
ets will be on sale up to and including June 15.

PLANTERS HOTEL  
SCENE OF FIRE

Contents of One Room Destroyed,  
but Occupants of Other Apart-  
ments Are Not Disturbed.

A room at the Planters Hotel was gut-  
ted by fire last night and the contents  
were all destroyed without in the least dis-  
turbance the guests who thronged the lob-  
bies. The music of an orchestra which  
was playing on the parlor floor continued.  
On the upper floors the noise of the fire-  
men breaking in the door and of the or-  
ders shouted by the fire chief aroused  
many guests. They appeared in the hall-  
ways in their nightgowns and pajamas.  
Many were barefooted.

The fire was in room No. 324, which was  
occupied by Hubert Gardner, a shoe sales-  
man from New York. His samples were  
destroyed, as were the grips in which he  
kept his clothing. He estimates his loss  
at \$500.

The management of the hotel is unable  
to account for the origin of the fire. Mr.  
Gardner had not been in the room since  
early in the evening. When an elevator  
boy told Weaver that the ninth floor  
was full of smoke, he ran to the street,  
and at that time the flames were pouring  
from the window.

An alarm was turned in and a line of  
hose taken up the fire escape. The room  
was thoroughly soaked, and it was discov-  
ered that the contents had been destroyed  
and the woodwork deeply charred. The  
damage to the furnishing of the room is  
placed at \$500.

Mrs. Koester Burned to Death.  
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TAFT A VICTIM  
OF "SOCIETY LIVER"

Secretary of War Gives Up After  
Making New Cabinet Record  
for Endurance.

## GUEST AT MANY DINNERS.

Buried in Invitations on His Ar-  
rival in Washington—He Has  
Had No Rest in Months  
—Now He Is Ill.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.  
Washington, May 10.—Secretary of War  
Taft is the latest high official of the Gov-  
ernment to succumb to "society liver." He  
was not able to attend the Cabinet meet-  
ing today, and, in fact, was too ill to go  
to the department. It was announced  
there that he had a cold and was suffer-  
ing from a bad throat, but those who are  
familiar with the burden of social duties  
imposed on Mr. Taft since he became Sec-  
retary of War say it is a result of too  
many dinners and receptions.

"To meet the Secretary of War." This  
has been the first line on scores of cards  
of invitations during the last three months,  
and the good-natured Secretary, up to  
yesterday, had been able to meet every de-  
mand. He had a dinner engagement at  
the Japanese Legation last night, but for  
the first time since January, he was un-  
able to keep it.

Secretary Taft came to Washington in  
January, and, so far as dinners and re-  
ceptions were concerned, was plainly out  
of training. He had rushed across the Pa-  
cific on the fastest of steamers, was taken  
ashore on a special tug and started East  
from San Francisco on a special train,  
because his presence was greatly needed  
in Washington to take up the burden of  
the War Department laid down by Mr.  
Root.

So great was the demand for Mr. Taft's  
presence here that he declined many in-  
vitations in San Francisco, and he felt  
that duty to his Government compelled  
him to refuse a dinner with his old Yale  
chums in Chicago. He landed in Wash-  
ington late in January, out of breath, as  
it were, but with a dinner engagement at  
the Japanese Legation last night, but for  
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BURIED IN INVITATIONS.  
Before even reporting to the President,  
he was buried in invitations, and just had  
time to change his traveling costume for  
evening attire to be hustled off to a din-  
ner at the Willard where he was, of  
course, called upon to speak. The next  
night it was a dinner at the Arlington,  
and another speech, and then at the  
Shoreham.

These were followed by scores of pri-  
vate dinners, and since Mr. Taft and the  
children arrived these have been renewed.  
Sometimes the Secretary was obliged to  
go to one dinner while his wife went to  
another. His recent trip to St. Louis was  
another round of similar functions, and  
while he has made the Cabinet record for  
endurance, he has now fallen a victim, al-  
though his present illness is not regarded  
as serious.

The Secretary's indisposition has re-  
vived the comment on the severe strain  
imposed on Government officials during  
the season, when nearly all are compelled  
to keep many dinner engagements and  
late hours, and then turn out bright and  
early for a full day's work.

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here at the report of M. Pavloff, former  
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eign Office, as an expression of Russia's  
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CONSIDERED EXPRESSION  
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warship and her commander was a part of  
a deep bitterness of feeling which M.

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RUMOR OF GREAT BATTLE;  
ALEXIEFF SAYS RAILROAD  
TO PORT ARTHUR IS OPEN.

Russians Believe That Japanese Who Landed at Pitsewo Were  
Not Able to Hold Position—St. Petersburg Hears That Gen-  
eral Stoessel Has Fought Successful Engagement on the Liao-  
Tung Peninsula—General Zassalitch Reported Killed.

## RUSSIANS WILL TRY TO PREVENT CAPTURE OF WARSHIPS.

A report comes from St. Petersburg by way of Paris that a great battle has been  
fought between the Russians and General Kuroki's army, and that General Zassalitch  
was killed.

Viceroy Alexieff yesterday sent the information to St. Petersburg that railroad  
communication with Port Arthur had been restored, and later it was stated that the  
telegraph lines had been repaired.

General Stoessel, it was reported, had met and vanquished the Japanese.  
London heard that a high-angle bombardment was proceeding yesterday. No de-  
tails were available.

The Japanese continued to harass the retreating Russians and several sharp clashes  
were recorded between the scouts of the Japanese and the rear guards of the Russian  
forces.

Daily, it was stated, has not been taken by the Japanese.

From a special correspondent of The Republic who is with the Japanese First  
Army came additional details of the battle of the Yalu, showing that Kuroki's victory  
was dearly purchased.

It is stated by a high official at St. Petersburg that, in the event the fall of Port  
Arthur is seen to be inevitable, the Russian warships in the harbor will be destroyed, to keep the  
Japanese from profling by their capture.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Paris, May 11.—The Matin's St. Peters-  
burg correspondent says it is persistently  
rumored that there has been a big fight  
near Mao-Tien-Ling Pass between the  
Russians and General Kuroki's army.

The Russians, he says, lost heavily.  
Lieutenant General Zassalitch being  
among the killed.

A dispatch from Shanghai, under date  
of May 10, says that the Japanese army  
is advancing in three divisions—the first from  
Fung-Wang-Cheng towards Liao-Yang,  
the second from Fokien and Chichou to  
Yung-Yao-Cheng, and the third from Su-  
hiencheng to occupy Kulienshen with the  
object of severing communication with  
the rear of Liao-Yang, where only small  
preparations for defense have been made.

BANDITS AND JAP SCOUTS  
HARASS RUSSIAN FORCES;  
FLEET MAY BE DESTROYED.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—The General  
Staff has received a dispatch from Major  
General Karkevitch, dated May 9, which  
says:

"On May 5 our scouts discovered at  
Lapchikpuzo, fourteen miles north of  
Toku-Shan, on the left bank of the Ta-  
linho River, a Japanese detachment, one  
regiment strong. During a fusillade with  
a line of Japanese sharpshooters, one  
Cosack was killed.

"At Luanyakko, eight miles north of  
Toku-Shan, on the same bank of the  
river, our scouts were subjected to firing  
from the right bank near the Yalu River.  
The enemy's force was composed of  
Japanese soldiers and 300 Japanese wearing  
Korean uniforms. The force occupied a  
position on the steep heights. After a  
well sustained fire the enemy withdrew  
to Ujan. The Russian casualties were  
one soldier killed and four wounded and  
seven horses killed.

"On May 3 eight Cosacks, reconnoiter-  
ing between Blinsing, forty miles east  
of Mukden, and Tsiantchen, thirty miles  
southwest of Blinsing, were attacked at  
Tchaneffig by a band of well-armed  
robbers, apparently Chinese bandits. In  
the ensuing fusillade one Cosack was  
killed and three horses were killed. A  
guide and a Chinese interpreter were also  
killed."

A high official said today:  
"The Japanese will not obtain posses-  
sion of our fleet even if they capture  
Port Arthur. The orders to the com-  
mander are that he shall, when a  
fall is inevitable, put to sea and engage  
the enemy."

"We do not propose for the Japanese  
to find in the harbor a number of valuable  
war vessels which they can seize and add  
to their fleet. Moreover, in Korea, the  
Japanese will suffer as well as our ships,  
and those of the latter which do not es-  
cape will go down to the bottom."

NEW RUSSIAN ACCUSATIONS  
ABOUT CHEMULPO AFFAIRS.  
IRRITATE NAVAL OFFICERS.

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It is assumed by the State Department  
that the criticism of the United States  
warship and her commander was a part of  
a deep bitterness of feeling which M.

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here at the report of M. Pavloff, former  
Russian Minister at Seoul, Korea, that  
Commander A. W. Marshall of the  
United States steamship Vicksburg re-  
fused assistance to the survivors of the  
Russian warship Varig and Korietz,  
sunk at Chemulpo on February 8.